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1.	Historic Period Theme(s):	Archite Commerc	
2.	Geographic Orientation:	Eastern	Shore
3.	Chronological/Development Per	iod(s):	Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930
4.	Resource Type(s):	Bank	

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1. Nam	e (indicate pr	eferred name)		
historic	The Oxford	Bank		
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2. Loca	tion			
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city, town	Oxford	vicinity of	congressional district	First
state	Maryland	county	Talbot	
3. Class	sification			
Category district _X_ building(s) structure site object	Ownership publicX_ private both Public Acquisition in process being considered x not applicable	Status X occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible yes: restricted yes: unrestricted no	Present Use agricultureX_ commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park private residence religious scientific transportation other:
4. Own	er of Prope	rty (give names a	nd mailing addresses	s of <u>all</u> owners)
name	Fred T and	Jacqueline Webb		
street & number	25 Potter St	reet	telephone no) .:
city, town	Haddonfield	state	and zip code New	v Jersey
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7. Description

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Oxford Bank is an early 20th century single-story brick building that stands on the west side of South Morris Street in the center of Oxford, Talbot County, Maryland. The single-story, gable-front bank building faces east.

Built in 1916, the single-story, rectangular brick building is laid in stretcher bond atop a poured concrete foundation. The stretcher bond brick walls, laid with recessed mortar joints, rise to a parapet that disguises the low pitched gable or flat roof. The brick walls are painted grey.

The east (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a prominent double-door entrance defined by a large round arched door opening flanked by projecting Tuscan columns that rise to a neoclassical pediment. The partially glazed double front doors are topped by a round arched, leaded glass transom window. The transom window is accented by a soldier arch fitted with a center keystone. Extending from the cornice level is an entablature that stretches to the outside corners of the building, and it is visually supported by flat brick pilasters.

The south side is three bays across defined by four brick pilasters. Centered in the east bay is a single-pane sash window topped by a segmental arch. The other two bays are filled with door openings, and a handicapped ramp has been erected to serve the center door.

The north side of the bank building is three bays as well, and four brick pilasters define the intervals. Single-pane sash windows pierce the north wall.

The interior has been reworked over the years to serve a variety of commercial purposes.

Located along the front edge of the property is an early 20th century iron fence that retains its original gate. A shield-shaped maker's plate is fixed on a lower bar, and it is embossed "The Stewart Iron Works, Cincinnatti, Ohio.

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8. Significance

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The Oxford Bank building is an important element in the architectural and historic fabric of the Morris Street. The well preserved nature of its exterior combined with the surviving early twentieth century iron fence contribute to the historic nature of the commercial district.

¹ Easton Star-Democrat, 22 July 1916, Talbot County Free Library.

² Talbot County Land Record, TFJ 240/342, 6 November 1937.

Major Bibliographical References

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The Oxford Bank
South Morris Street
Oxford, Talbot County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 400, Parcel 705

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Diane G. Schulte

to

1/17/1996

Fred T. and Jacqueline Webb

Property described on a plat entitled: Survey Plat of the land of Muriel Grymes Blumenthal in the Town of

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JTB 590/310

Muriel Grymes Blumenthal (formerly Muriel Saltsonstall

Grymes)

to

8/20/1984

Diane G. Schulte

JTB 359/296

Arthur J. Grymes

to

10/1/1959

Muriel Saltonstall Grymes

Parcel A: All those two contiguous lots..commonly known as

the Post Office property

TJF 240/342

Warren F. Sterling, Receiver of the Oxford Bank

to

11/6/1937

Arthur J. Grymes, Jr.

\$1,750.00

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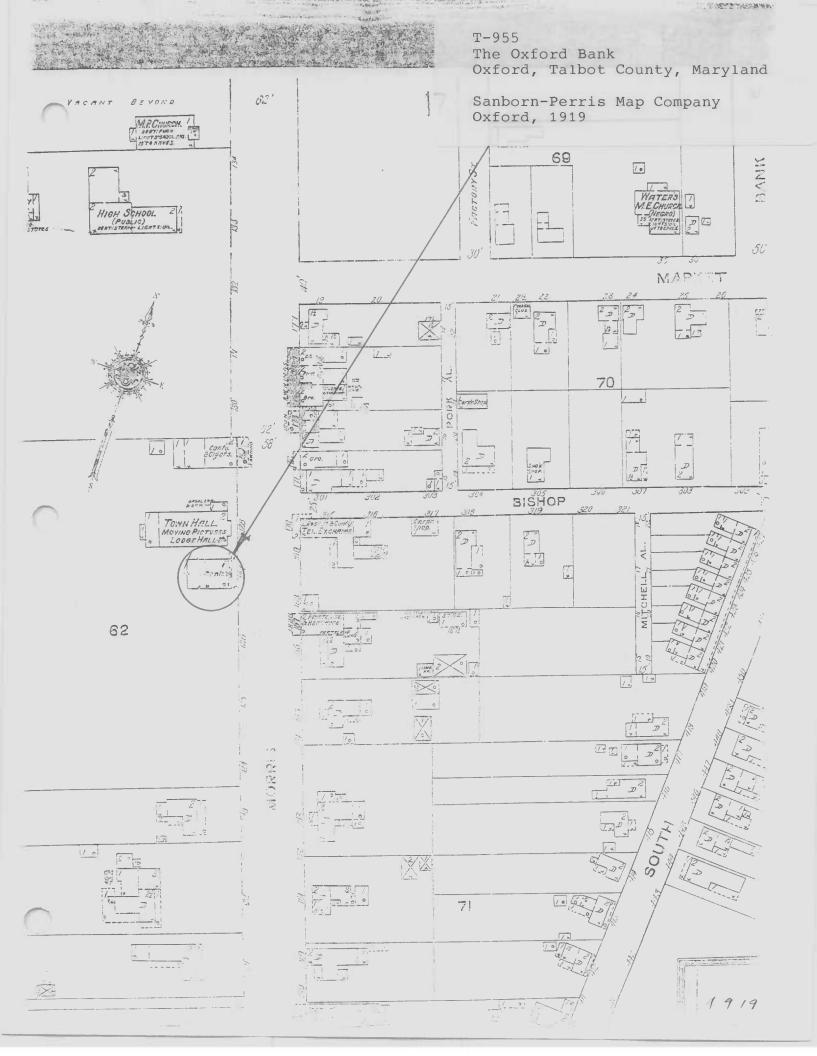
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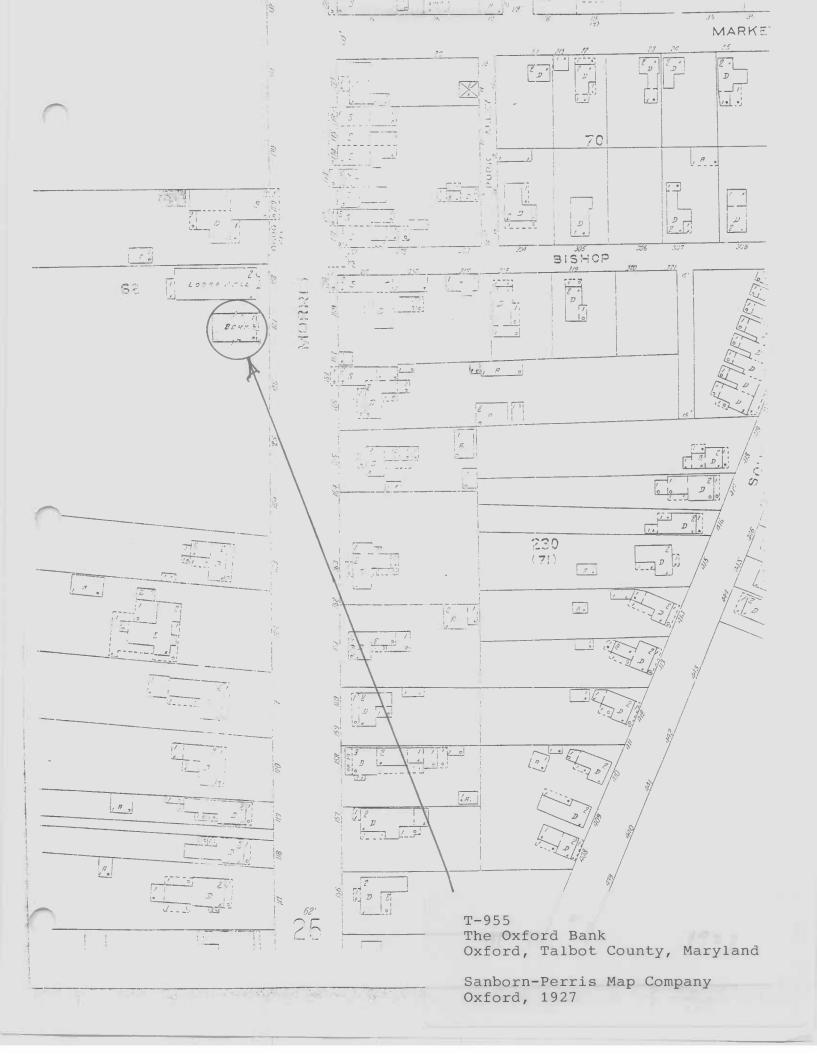
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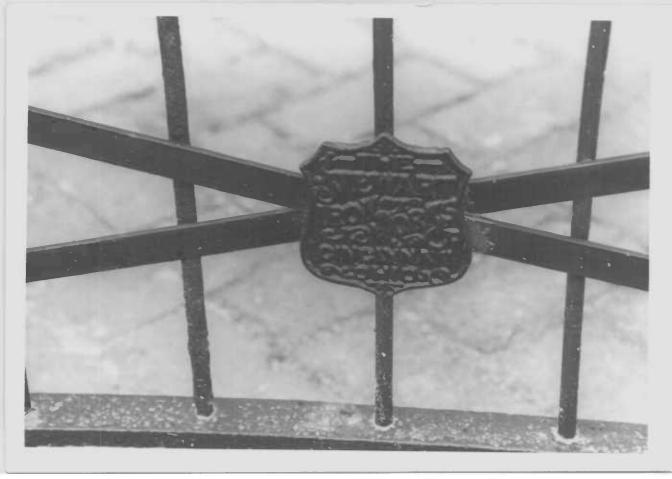
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